WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a cable-processing device having processing stations for processing an electrical cable and at least one swivel-arm feeder feeding the cable to the processing stations, the swivel-arm feeder comprising:

a swivel-arm having one end adapted to be mounted for swiveling movement and linear movement;

a gripper mounted on an opposite end of said swivel-arm for gripping and releasing a cable-end; and

an actuator arranged on said swivel-arm and being connected to actuate said gripper.

2. The device according to claim 1 wherein said actuator generates a linear movement for actuating said gripper.

3. The device according to claim 2 wherein said actuator imparts the linear movement through a rod to a gear of said gripper, said gear converting the linear movement into two rotational motions with opposite, symmetrical paths.

4. The device according to claim 3 where in said gear includes a bevel-gear rotated by said rod and which engages with two further bevel-gears each driving an associated gripper-lever having a gripper-jaw for engaging the cable-end.

5. The device according to claim 4 wherein said further bevel-gears and said gripper-levers are arranged on an axle.

6. The device according to claim 1 wherein said actuator is connected to said gripper through an interior of said swivel-arm.

7. The device according to claim 1 wherein said actuator is mounted at said one end of said swivel-arm.

8. The device according to claim 1 wherein said swivel-arm includes two portions extending between said one end and said opposite end and wherein said actuator is mounted between said portions.

9. A cable-processing device having processing stations for processing an electrical cable, comprising:

at least one processing station;

at least one swivel-arm having one end adapted to be mounted for swiveling movement and linear movement toward and away from said processing station;

a gripper mounted on an opposite end of said at least one swivel-arm for gripping and releasing a cable-end; and

an actuator arranged on said at least one swivel-arm and being connected to actuate said gripper.

10. The device according to claim 9 wherein said actuator is mounted at said one end of said at least one swivel-arm.

11. The device according to claim 9 wherein said at least one swivel-arm includes two portions extending between said one end and said opposite end and wherein said actuator is mounted between said portions.

12. The device according to claim 9 wherein said actuator imparts a linear movement through a rod to a gear of said gripper, said gear converting the linear movement into two rotational motions with opposite, symmetrical paths.

13. The device according to claim 12 where in said gear includes a bevel-gear rotated by said rod and which engages with two further bevel-gears each driving an associated gripper-lever having a gripper-jaw for engaging the cable-end.

14. The device according to claim 13 wherein said further bevel-gears and said gripper-levers are arranged on an axle.

15. The device according to claim 9 wherein said actuator is connected to said gripper through an interior of said at least one swivel-arm.

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